

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 21-45 are pending in the present application. Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 33-45 have been allowed. Applicant also notes with appreciation that claims 23, 25, 26, 29, 31, and 32 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant hereby traverses the current rejection, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal in light of the remarks and amendments contained herein.

II. The 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 21, 22, 24, 27, 28, and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hastings *et al.* (US Pat. 5,460,441).

It is well settled that to anticipate a claim, the reference must teach every element of the claim, see M.P.E.P. § 2131. Moreover, in order for a prior art reference to be anticipatory under 35 U.S.C. § 102 with respect to a claim, “[t]he elements must be arranged as required by the claim,” see M.P.E.P. § 2131, citing *In re Bond*, 15 U.S.P.Q.2d 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1990). Furthermore, in order for a prior art reference to be anticipatory under 35 U.S.C. § 102 with respect to a claim, “[t]he identical invention must be shown in as complete detail as is contained in the . . . claim,” see M.P.E.P. § 2131, citing *Richardson v. Suzuki Motor Co.*, 9 U.S.P.Q.2d 1913 (Fed. Cir. 1989). Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejection does not satisfy these requirements.

As amended, claim 21 recites “at least two computer server modules; wherein each server comprises at least one central processor unit (CPU); a base station having at least one servicing component for providing a service to said at least two computer server modules, wherein said at least two computer server modules are attachable to said base station.” No new matter has been added. Hastings does not disclose at least these limitations. Instead, Hastings discloses identical server units 32a and 32b, where each server unit 32 includes a specially designed server drawer structure 34 and each drawer structure 34 includes an outer drawer 36, and an inner tray 38 with a first computer operating structure mounted on the

outer drawer and a second computer operating structure mounted on the inner tray. Hastings further discloses that each of the inner trays 38 has a rectangular horizontal base wall 58 and mounted within a bottom interior portion of the outer drawer 36, beneath the inner tray base wall 58, is a power supply box 88. Therefore, Hastings discloses a server unit with two trays on which computer operating structures can be mounted, and not at least two computer server modules and a base station as required by claim 21. Therefore, Hastings does not show the identical invention in as complete detail as contained in claim 21. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of record.

As amended, claim 27 recites “providing equipment in a base station able to serve at least two computer server modules in a server system, wherein equipment provided in said base station is centralized equipment and each server comprises at least one central processor unit (CPU); and connecting said base station and said at least two computer server modules to enable said centralized equipment to perform at least one function in said at least two computer server modules.” No new matter has been added. Hastings does not disclose at least these limitations. Instead, Hastings discloses identical server units 32a and 32b, where each server unit 32 includes a specially designed server drawer structure 34. Hastings does not disclose any centralized equipment to perform at least one function in said at least two computer server modules 32. Hastings discloses that each drawer structure 34 includes an outer drawer 36, and an inner tray 38 with a first computer operating structure mounted in the outer drawer and a second computer operating structure mounted on the inner tray. Hastings does not disclose that the outer drawer and the inner tray each contain at least one central processor unit. Hastings discloses a single server module with two sliding trays and does not disclose connecting said base station and said at least two computer server modules as required by claim 27. Therefore Hastings does not show the identical invention in as complete detail as contained in claim 27. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of record.

Claims 22-26 and 28-32 depend either directly or indirectly from, and inherit all of the limitation of their respective independent claims 21 and 27. Each of claims 22-26 and 28-32 sets forth features and limitations not recited by Hastings. Thus, the Applicant

respectfully asserts that for the above reasons claims 22-26 and 28-32 are patentable over the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejection of record.

III. Summary

In view of the above, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

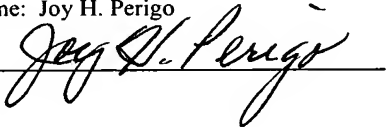
Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call the below listed attorney if the Examiner believes that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any remaining problems.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10990474-3 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

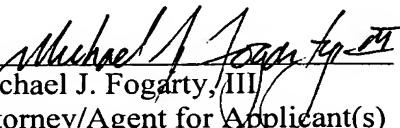
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